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To: Marine Recovery Area Property Owners

From: Larry Fay, Community Environmental Health Section Manager

Urgent Notice: The on-site sewage system on your property needs to be inspected.

The inspection report must be submitted to us by July 1, 2011.

To help with the cost of the inspections we are offering rebates.

The rebates are funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Health. Rebate funding of \$100 per eligible activity (see enclosed application) will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Apply for the rebate as soon as possible as funding is limited. **Rebate applications must be received by April 15, 2011.**

As you may recall from previous mailings, your property has been included in a Marine Recovery Area in accordance with Chapter 70.118A RCW. Our records show that we do not have a record drawing for your septic system and no preventive maintenance/performance monitoring inspection is on-file. Annual inspection of your septic system is required by law to demonstrate that it is functioning properly. Preparation of a record drawing documenting your system design and location is required with the first inspection.

What you need to do:

1. Contact a Public Health Seattle King County approved operation and maintenance (O&M) provider to schedule the evaluation (list enclosed).
2. Have the O&M provider submit the original of the On Site Sewage System Summary Report form to the Health Department and provide a copy to you.
3. If desired, apply for a rebate on the septic system inspection, preparation of a record drawing and/or installation of an inspection port (application enclosed).

The evaluation of system function and record drawing is due no later than July 1, 2011.

Failure to complete the evaluation will be treated as a violation of the Public Health Seattle King County On-Site Sewage Code, Section 13.60.010 (F) Monitoring of residential systems. Systems that have not been inspected by July 1, 2011 will be considered in violation and subject to enforcement action. **A failing system must be repaired or replaced no later than July 1, 2012.**

Note: If you know that you do not have a septic system skip the inspection process, notify PHSKC and contact an approved designer to prepare a plan for a new system for your site.

Plan to attend a Homeowner Operation and Maintenance workshop to learn more. Call Doug Jones at 206-296-9744, or email doug.jones@kingcounty.gov for additional information on the septic inspection program. MRA neighborhood maps and information are available at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/mra.aspx>

Enclosures:

- List of PHSKC approved operations and maintenance providers
- Rebate application for septic system inspection and W-9 Form
- Homeowner Operation and Maintenance workshops Invitation